

Wealdstone Methodist Church

Trustees' Report and Accounts 2022

WEALDSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

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Registered Charity No: 1127748

Wealdstone Methodist Church comes under the auspices of the Methodist Church in Britain whose governing body is the Methodist Conference. The authority by which the Conference acts is laid out in the Methodist Church Act 1976. Wealdstone Methodist Church is part of the group of Methodist Churches in the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. It is also a separately registered charity reporting to the Charity Commission.

All activities are undertaken by volunteers, other than the work of a stipendiary minister, appointed by the Circuit to provide guidance and oversight for the work of this and other local Methodist Churches.

Objectives and activities

Wealdstone Methodist Church exists to provide regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike. It provides a sacred space, a building, for prayer and contemplation. It explains and commends Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. It carries out pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved. It provides a weekly "Friendship Café", a fellowship meeting (The Wesley Guild), a Toddlers' Group and a Baby Bank. It also hosts "Digital inclusion Courses" run by an expert to train people on how to access local social services through online technology. It offers its halls for hire, subject to availability, to community groups.

Minister

The Revd Stephen Poole Tel: 07760 490606 email: steveej55@hotmail.co.uk

Services for Marriage, Funerals, Baptisms and Confirmation are arranged directly with the Minister.

Church Council Secretary

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Treasurer

Malcolm Aldridge, 35 Boxtree Road, Harrow. HA3 6TN

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The General Church Meeting

All church members are entitled to attend the General Church Meeting which has a responsibility to consider the whole ministry of the church. It appoints the Church Stewards and elects representatives of the congregation to serve on the Church Council.

The Church Council (Managing Trustees)

The Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources are its responsibility. It appoints committees which have authority, in their own areas of responsibility, to initiate action, co-ordinate the work done in the church, advise the Church Council and report to it. Membership of the Church Council is either "Ex-officio" or by election at the General Church Meeting or by co-option by the Church Council itself.

The Church Council members are the managing trustees of Wealdstone Methodist Church. The Custodian Trustees for property matters are the *Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes* (TMCP), located in Manchester. On appointment, Trustees receive training in their responsibilities through guidance produced by the Methodist Conference and the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee'.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church for ensuring that financial

statements comply with current legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and their proper application under charity law and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Risks are regularly reviewed by the Church Council and recommendations followed up. Where necessary, advice from relevant professionals is sought.

The Trustees have adopted a Safeguarding Policy in relation to children and vulnerable people, and all trustees are subject to DBS clearance. This is reviewed annually.

There is no bar to anyone engaging in the activities of the church on the grounds of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation, saving that the trustees must by law be church members.

The Church Council is responsible for producing this Trustees' Report for the General Church Meeting and the Charities Commission. This Report for 2021 – 22 was approved by the General Church Meeting on 27 November 2022.

THE AREAS OF CHURCH WORK

The Church Council has identified three “areas” of church work. The names of these areas are:

- Worship, Learning and Care
- Mission
- Administration

Previously, there were two groups called “Ministry” and “Local and World Mission.” These were combined into “Mission” in July 2022.

WORSHIP, LEARNING AND CARE:

This working area includes all the worship and learning activities that happen on a Sunday as well as discussion groups, Guild and the mid-week communion services. Pastoral Care is monitored by the Pastoral Committee.

Services of Worship

Sunday: 10.45am. *(The service start time was changed from 10.30am in March 2022)*

Holy Communion is included on the second Sunday in the month at 10.45am.

Midweek Communion: A Communion service is held at 2.00pm on the third Monday of the month. *This is a trial arrangement, replacing the Wednesday services that were held previously.*

The Church Stewards

The General Church Meeting annually appoints as church stewards, two or more persons who are members of the Church. The church stewards are corporately responsible with the minister for giving leadership and help over the whole range of the church's life and activity. This includes being responsible for ensuring that all services appointed on the circuit plan are duly held.

Communion Stewards

The Church Council annually appoints persons to serve as communion stewards who will make provision for the proper celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Pastoral Committee

The Church Council annually appoints pastoral visitors and a Pastoral Committee secretary to share in the pastoral care of members and adherents.

Fellowship and Discussion Groups

Wesley Guild meets on alternate Thursdays at 7.30 pm from October to February.

House Groups: Two groups previously met monthly in a member's home but during the pandemic one group met online. This group now meets face to face in the Guild Room. It is planned to return to house meetings in the future

MISSION

Mission includes the outreach and social interaction of the church with its members and adherents, all those who meet on or use the halls during the week and local or national charities.

The Local and World Mission Committee has not met for three years and is now discontinued. Its role is now taken on by the Church Council.

The Church Council employed a Church Development Worker for five years. This employment ended on 31 August 2021. Efforts to find a new "Church Community Worker" were unsuccessful so this role is no longer in place.

Social Activities Group

The Church Council annually appoints a Social Activities Group to arrange occasional social activities and outings for Church Members, adherents and friends.

Church Community Groups:

The Friendship Café offers a social activity and café on Wednesdays.

The Online Learning Centre is a new group offering digital training to the community.

Toddlers' Group offers mid-week activities for young children and their parents or carers on Monday and Thursday at 10.00 am.

Baby Bank offers equipment and support to local families with small children on Fridays from 9.30am.

Shamwari is a social group for members and adherents who normally live alone.

ADMINISTRATION

The Finance and Property Committee and the Church Treasurer

The Church Council annually appoints a church treasurer who keeps a record of all church income and expenditure and produces the Annual Accounts.

The Church Council annually appoints a Finance and Property Committee to work with the treasurer on the financial planning of the church and to maintain the buildings and property.

The Finance and Property Committee meets three times a year. The main sources of funds are weekly and monthly offerings, tax recoveries under Gift Aid, donations and some legacies. The church policy is to maintain in its General Reserve an amount equal to six months normal expenses.

The Church Council annually appoints two Property Stewards. The role of Lettings Officer is to manage the letting of the premises to organisations who rent the premises for their own purposes. This role is now being carried out by the minister.

Achievements During The Year

During the financial year, 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022, the Church Council met four times. The Church Council has appointed a Safeguarding Officer and the annual review of the church's Safeguarding policy took place in October 2021.

The following gives an indication of the work overseen or initiated by the Church Council during 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022. Most of the church activities that were curtailed due to the Covid pandemic the previous year resumed after September 2021.

Mission Plan: The church has produced a Mission Plan outlining the intended key activities for the year. Progress against this plan is reviewed regularly by the Church Council to ensure that planned actions take place. The plan itself is reviewed and re-issued annually.

Church Services: Sunday morning services take place every week. The service start time was changed from 10.30 am to 10.45am from March 2022. This change was made because the church is also used by the LifeSpring Romanian Church for their Sunday morning service. Their start time changed to 7.45 instead of 8.00 and so this allowed more changeover time between the services

Communion Services: The administering of communion by the Minister and Steward returned to the pre Covid procedure from Easter onwards, ie those participating come forward to the communion rail to receive the bread and wine and return to their seats after a short prayer.

Average attendance was 54 at 12 morning services. Last year the average attendance was 50. The range of attendance was from 42 in October to 69 in November when there was a joint service with North Harrow. Ten of the 12 monthly services had over 50 communicants.

12 people attended the Ash Wednesday Communion at 5.00pm but there was no Easter Morning Communion this year.

There were only 6 Wednesday Communion Services during the year with an average attendance of 5. Several were cancelled due to low attendance or the Minister being unavailable. The mid-week communion is being moved to the third Monday of the month at 2.00pm. Hopefully, this time suits more members as we have recently held House Group meetings at church on the first Monday afternoon of the month with encouraging attendance.

There were no baptisms this year. Once again, Young Church has not met as there are no children and so this activity has been discontinued for the time being.

The *Worship Forum* met twice in the year, as planned, after a morning service. This gives the congregation an opportunity to provide feedback on the services,

Pastoral Committee Work: Pastoral visitors care for our members and adherents and distribute our church magazine. This workload has now returned to normal as there are no longer any Covid restrictions. The current membership of the church is 110 which is 4 lower than for the previous year.

Fellowship and discussion groups provide a means of sharing, discussion, bible study and prayer in people's homes. The *Afternoon House Group* and the *Evening House Group*, did not meet this year but a Bible Study group met monthly. Initially, this group met online but now meets face to face in the Guild room at church. It is hoped to return to the House Group format later.

The Wesley Guild restarted in October 2021 and met on alternate Thursdays until February 2022. This pattern worked well and will be repeated for 2022 – 2023.

The Social Activities Group arranged outings to Windsor and Southend. Both were very successful and enjoyed by those who took part.

Shamwari is a church group for people who live on their own. It has restarted meetings and outings.

The Church Magazine, Dawn, was back to normal with six editions published during the year.

The Friendship Café on Wednesdays and *The Toddlers' Group* on Mondays and Thursdays are now run by church volunteers as we could not recruit a Church Community Worker.

The *Wealdstone Baby Bank*, which started in April 2021, has proved to be very successful with many young families coming for support, baby clothes and small items of baby equipment. It meets in the hall on Friday mornings from 9.30am – 12.00 noon.

The *Online Learning Centre*, run by a “Digital Ambassador” from the Enderley Road Patients’ Association, has continued to be very successful. This group offers digital skills training to local people who need access to government and health services which are available online, eg the NHS or surgery appointments. The work has expanded to include a *Diabetic Community Club*, which offers similar support especially designed for diabetic patients. These courses have been so successful that to some extent they have now “saturated the market” in the local area and the number of courses at the church may decrease next year.

Charities supported and funds raised:

At Christmas 2021 the church raised a total of £1,099.40 for *Action for Children* from the annual gift service (including vouchers), the Christmas Card distribution, a church donation and carol singing outside the church.

The Annual Bread and Cheese Lunch was held in the church halls but a “Take Away” lunch was offered as an option. This raised £228 for *Crisis at Christmas*. A further £54.50 was raised at the Christmas Day service.

Christian Aid Week collections were held this year by distributing Christian Aid envelopes to the Sunday congregations. We collected a total of £235.00 and Christian Aid will be able to claim a further £22.50 as Gift Aid.

MHA: The annual envelope offering and box collection for Methodist Homes raised £420.20, including Gift Aid.

The church also donated £7,500 to our regular list of local and world charities, which enables us to help people on the margins of society in Harrow and in the wider world, including Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeals.

The church still supports and promotes *Fair Trade* by enabling the sale of *Traidcraft* products.

The *Finance and Property Committees* has met three times during the year. The committee, including the treasurer who is also the Property Secretary, has maintained accounting records of the financial position of Wealdstone Methodist Church. (See attached accounts). Major financial decisions have to be approved by the Church Council.

Use of Premises by other Groups

The church sponsored Scout Group continued to meet on Friday evenings. At present, they only have Scout and Cub sections.

The premises were let to various community groups: the Montrose Pre-School, a Parkinson’s UK Group, the Harrow African Caribbean Association, Kumon educational group and a Zumba class.

The premises are also let to other Christian denominations. *The Arise Church* no longer meets on our premises but the *LifeSpring Romanian Fellowship Church*, which started in February 2021, continues to meet regularly. They hold several mid-week meetings as well as Sunday services. At Christmas 2021 there was a united carol service for both churches.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2022

WEALDSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

in the

HARROW AND HILLINGDON CIRCUIT

OF THE LONDON DISTRICT no 35/36

Minister

The Rev. Stephen Poole

Senior Steward

Helen Riley

Church Stewards

Paul Phillips

David Nixon (from 1st May 2022)

Church Secretary

David Milne

Treasurer

Malcolm Aldridge

Independent Examiner

Geoffrey Porter

Registered Charity No 1127748

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2022

Introduction

The financial position has shown a steady recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic and consequential lockdown(s) of 2020-21. Income from all sources has shown a substantial improvement of 25% as compared with last year where income had increased by 1%. Expenditure has also increased by 28% as compared with the previous year, principally due to an increase in property repairs and maintenance and mission grant donations. The resultant out-turn is a £3,300 surplus. This surplus has been largely generated by two substantial income streams from use of premises. The church accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments method.

Income

The people at Wealdstone continue to be unfailingly generous in their financial support of the church and the various charitable projects for which support is sought either through special appeals or fund raising events and coffee mornings. Freewill offering has shown a reduction of 5% over the past 12 months. However, this needs to be read against a general increase in income from use of the premises. Income from Gift Aid has remained broadly static as compared with 2021.

Expenditure

Overall costs have remained within budget. The church has continued to maintain a significant number of donations to various good causes, local and wider, totalling £7,250, an increase of £1,400 from the previous year from the general income fund. It must as always be acknowledged that such giving is only made possible through the many tasks undertaken by members and friends in the church without which significant higher costs would be incurred. Such service – some known, some unknown – continues to be a major contribution to the ongoing Christian witness in our community.

Legacies

No new Legacy funds have been received during the year. Existing Legacy funds have been expended during the year with the transfer to the general fund to support the loss of lettings income resulting from the pandemic lockdown(s) and the upgrade work to the church audio-visual system. To date, we have been unsuccessful in finding and appointing a new Church Community Worker which would be substantially funded from the Legacy funds. The Church is extremely grateful to the team of volunteers who have stepped in to continue the significant outreach work. Church Council will continue to deliberate carefully to ensure that future decisions on expenditure from the fund are wisely made.

Moving forward

The budget for 2022/23 continues to contain an amount of uncertainty, in particular, with inflation and increased costs. Assumptions have been made regarding freewill giving and lettings. The budget will be monitored at frequent intervals during the year and, where necessary, adjustments made. There is no increase in the Fund for Ministry (Circuit Assessment). A new two year contract for the supply of gas and electricity commences in October based on rates agreed before the recent substantial increases in the cost of energy. The charges for the use of premises have been reviewed and these are largely unchanged from the previous year.

It is hoped that income from freewill offering and lettings will remain as budget and, if possible, increase during the coming year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 August 2022

1. Charitable Status

The Church is registered with the Charity Commission.

2. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost. The accounts show the receipts and payments for the year.

3. Funds

General Funds

The funds held constitute: Unrestricted Funds comprising General Funds held for any purpose of the charity and Designated Funds held for specific purposes of the charity laid down by the Church Council. Restricted Funds are held by the church for narrower purposes. These comprise the Benevolence Fund to meet cases of need and the funds of Organisations Reporting to Church Council. Funds collected for and paid over to External Organisations are also Restricted but these are not included in the SOFA or Balance Sheet. The church has had no Endowment Funds since August 2007.

4. Accounting policies

Incoming Resources

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Church

Other than the historic cost of the building, no Tangible Fixed Assets have been capitalised. The church premises and contents are held by the Church Council as Managing Trustees on behalf of the Custodian trustees, the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. The buildings, contents and organ will be insured from renewal on 29th September 2022 for £3,610,936, £176,562 and £416,878 respectively representing the reinstatement cost, not historic cost less depreciation. The figures for 2021 were £3,478,999, £153,665 and £401,082.

Investment properties.

The church holds no investment properties.

Investments

The church holds no investments.

Loans

The church holds no loans from members or other sources.

5. Trustees

Three Trustees also fulfil organists duties and received payment against invoices in accordance with the rates given in Note 7 below totalling £1,428 (2021 £924). No other Trustees, or persons connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Church or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year ended 31st August 2022 (2021 £Nil). Trustees are allowed to reclaim certain expenses incurred as a result of fulfilling their duties. The amount claimed during the year was £Nil. (2021 £Nil).

6. Fees for examination of the accounts

The Independent Examiner received no fees or expenses for reporting on the accounts. (2021 £Nil).

7. Paid employees

During 2020/21 the church employed a Church Development Worker at a cost of £19,492, including pension payments, in accordance with the contract and terms and conditions as agreed by Church Council. The employment of the Church Development Worker ceased on 31st August 2021 and the church now currently has no paid employees. The only other persons to receive remuneration for their activities on behalf of the church were organists paid at the rate of £28 per service, at a total cost of £1,428 (2021, £28 & £924).

8. Capital Commitments

At 31st August 2022, no capital commitments existed, (2021, £Nil).

9. Treasurer's Declaration

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of Wealdstone Methodist Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Malcolm Aldridge, Treasurer

Signed: *M.T.B. Aldridge*

Dated: *04/10/22*

10. Declaration by the Chair of the Church Council

I confirm that the accounts will be presented to the Church Council which I intend to chair on 19th October 2022.

The Rev. Stephen Poole, Chair of the Church Council

Signed: *Spole*

Dated: *19.10.22*

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Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/08/2022	As at 31/08/2021
Fixed assets			
	3001: Long Term Investments	—	—
	3040: Church premises at historic cost	5,000.00	5,000.00
	3041: Hall premises at historic cost	2,775.00	2,775.00
	Total Fixed assets	7,775.00	7,775.00
Current assets			
	5001: Barclays Current Account	15,297.06	13,949.58
	5002: Lloyds Current Account	6,050.65	3,014.96
	5004: Central Finance Board	72,108.58	48,580.60
	5005: Scottish Widows Bank	—	—
	5006: Cash in Hand - Luncheon Club	—	(0.01)
	5007: Cash in Hand - Traidcraft	13.15	63.46
	5008: Cash in Hand - Friendship Cafe	21.54	—
	5009: Trustees For Methodist Church Purposes	57,187.26	68,754.65
	5010: General debtors	—	—
	5011: Fund for Ministry in advance	—	—
	5012: Cash in Hand - Toddlers	17.22	18.00
	5013: Cash in Hand - Social Activities Group	—	—
	5995: Debtors and creditors transfer account	—	—
	5999: Agency transfer account	—	—
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
	Total Current assets	150,695.46	134,381.24
Liabilities			
	6002: General Creditors	—	—
	6699: Agency collections	—	(51.25)
	Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	(51.25)
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	158,470.46	142,207.49
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	16,262.96	(10,879.87)
	Z01: Starting balances	142,207.49	153,087.36
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	0.01	—
	Total Reserves	158,470.46	142,207.49

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	55,077.46	51,772.71
Designated	72,401.21	68,095.83
Restricted	30,991.79	22,338.95
Endowment	—	—
Total	158,470.46	142,207.49

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Offerings and tax recoverable	51,925.12	141.50	—	52,066.62	54,143.40
Interest and investment income	559.07	—	—	559.07	370.15
Lettings	44,617.96	—	—	44,617.96	28,303.31
Other income	10,969.96	—	—	10,969.96	3,394.05
Internal organisations (income)	1,174.78	39,060.89	—	40,235.67	11,660.71
Legacies	—	—	—	—	—
Total income	109,246.89	39,202.39	—	148,449.28	97,871.62
Resources used					
Circuit assessment or share	45,980.00	—	—	45,980.00	45,980.00
Grants and donations	9,650.00	845.20	—	10,495.20	5,850.00
Repairs and maintenance	15,348.87	—	—	15,348.87	15,231.05
Utilities, insurances etc	11,881.13	—	—	11,881.13	10,658.08
Provisions	—	—	—	—	—
Other expenditure	10,788.49	—	—	10,788.49	5,504.09
Internal organisations (expenditure)	1,352.27	29,704.36	—	31,056.63	6,036.00
Legacy Projects	6,636.00	—	—	6,636.00	19,492.27
Total expenditure	101,636.76	30,549.56	—	132,186.32	108,751.49
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	0.01	—	0.01	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	7,610.13	8,652.84	—	16,262.97	(10,879.87)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	32,836.00	—	—	32,836.00	20,132.86
Gross transfers between funds - out	(32,836.00)	—	—	(32,836.00)	(20,132.86)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	7,610.13	8,652.84	—	16,262.97	(10,879.87)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	119,868.54	22,338.95	—	142,207.49	153,087.36
Total funds carried forward	127,478.67	30,991.79	—	158,470.46	142,207.49

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Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

Fund	Fund Balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
Flat - Church Flat Improvement Fund	—	—	—	4,000.00	—	—	4,000.00
DHiggins - David Higgins (Young People) Fund	3,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	3,000.00
DiaComCI - Diabetes Community Club Fund	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	—	—	—	—	—
DIGTF - Digital Inclusion (Good Things Fdn) Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
OnLearn - Online Learning Fund	5,190.01	37,710.00	24,875.78	—	—	—	18,024.23
Benevolenc - Benevolence Fund	944.12	141.50	845.20	—	—	—	240.42
Buildings - Church Buildings Fund	7,775.00	—	—	—	—	—	7,775.00
ChurchHols - Church Holiday Fund	617.45	—	—	—	—	—	617.45
DFleming - Dedrick Fleming Fund	393.96	—	—	—	—	—	393.96
FrCafePrj - Friendship Cafe/Project Fund	382.00	752.58	596.86	—	—	—	537.72
General - General fund	51,772.71	108,072.11	95,203.36	(9,564.00)	—	—	55,077.46
IntEve - International Evening Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LegProj - Legacy Projects Fund	62,837.80	—	—	(6,636.00)	—	—	56,201.80
Luncheon - Luncheon Club Fund	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	0.01
Organ - Organ Fund	2,000.00	—	—	—	—	—	2,000.00
Printing - Printing Fund	1,318.64	1,174.78	1,352.27	1,200.00	—	—	2,341.15
Property - Property Fund	1,820.81	—	5,081.13	11,000.00	—	—	7,739.68
Social - Social Activity Fund	276.88	1,345.00	1,542.80	—	—	—	79.08
Toddlers - Toddlers Fund	178.29	555.22	600.99	—	—	—	132.52
Traidcraft - Traidcraft Fund	581.24	1,248.79	1,638.63	—	—	—	191.40
Guild - Wesley Guild Fund	—	449.30	449.30	—	—	—	—
YoungCh - Young Church Fund	118.58	—	—	—	—	—	118.58
Totals	142,207.49	148,449.28	132,186.32	—	—	0.01	158,470.46

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Wealdstone Methodist Church

This report is on the Church Funds for the year ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on the accompanying pages 2-7 and is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of the Church Council and the Examiner

As trustees, you are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records and the preparation of the appropriate accounts under section 130 of the Act. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with section 145 of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions made under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act. This examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church Treasurer and a comparison of the accounts with those records. The procedures undertaken do not provide evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signed:

G. J. Porter

Dated:

4th October 2022

EARMARKED DONATIONS

The amounts raised for other charities and organisations, which do not form part of the Church's Income or Expenditure, were as follows:

Organisation	2021/22	2020/21
Action for Children	654.40	898.60
Akim Swedru Methodist Church, Ghana	-	-
All We Can	501.60	**235.00
Centre Point	-	265.00
Christian Aid	**257.50	536.50
Crisis at Christmas	282.50	-
Cystic Fibrosis Trust	438.62	-
DEC Ukraine Appeal	508.00	-
Firm Foundation	-	125.00
Friends of Amasango	158.00	-
Great Ormond Street Hospital	-	150.00
Harrow Foodbank	256.75	205.00
Harrow Mencap	403.00	-
Harrow and Pinner Lions Club	668.15	-
Karibuni Trust	122.50	-
MacMillan Cancer Relief	175.92	-
Methodist Homes (MHA)	*471.45	*538.67
Methodist Wesley Guild	23.00	-
Methodist Church World Mission Fund (MWiB Easter Offering)	*393.75	*213.00
Mufakose Methodist Church	111.20	-
Nigeria Health Care Project	194.30	-
Paul Strickland Scanner Centre	125.50	-
RNLI	458.00	-
Salvation Army Victim Support Fund	87.50	-
Sickle Cell Society	121.20	-
St Lukes Hospice	101.00	100.00
Stillbirth and Neonatal Death (SANDS)	147.80	-
Traidcraft Exchange	500.00	600.00
Traidcraft Fair Trade Fortnight	92.00	-
UNICEF - Tonga Emergency Appeal (£250.00 from Benevolence Fund)	250.00	-
UNICEF - Afghanistan Conflict Appeal (£250.00 from Benevolence Fund & £140.00 Wesley Guild coffee morning)	390.00	-
Wealdstone Baby Bank	200.00	-
Zimbabwe Victims Support Fund	96.00	-
	£8,189.64	£3,866.77

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